GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1177
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2004
GAUGE CONVERSION WORK AT JABALPUR TO GOUDIYA AND BALAGHAT TO KATANGI
Bisen Shri Gauri Shankar Chaturbhuj

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress in gauge conversion work from Jabalpur to Gondia, Balaghat to Katangi, Tumsal and Tirodi;

(b) the amount sanctioned and allocated for above project year- wise since the date of according administrative approval to this scheme;

(c) whether there is a need to acquire land from the private owners, Government or semi-Government agencies for the above gauge conversion work;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the efforts made by the concerned State Government to avoid the delay and ensure timely payment to the land owners after acquiring their land along with details in this regard; and

(f) the efforts made to take action in this regard to award at an early date and details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1177 ASKED BY SHRI GAURISHANKAR CHATURBHUJ BISEN FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 15.07.2004 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION WORK AT JABALPUR TO GOUDIYA AND BALAGHAT TO KATANGI.

(a): On Jabalpur–Gondia, Balaghat–Katangi gauge conversion project, earthwork, bridge works and track linking on Gondia–Balaghat section are in progress. The section is targeted for completion during 2004–05. The work on 12 kms detoured alignment from Jabalpur end is also in progress. The work of bridges on Balaghat–Katangi and Balaghat– Nainpur sections has also been taken up. Tumsar–Tirodi is already a broad gauge line.

(b): The outlay (Rs. in crores) provided for the project, year-wise, since 1996–97 has been as under:-

1996–97	1997–98	1998–99	1999–2000	2000–01 (proposed outlay)	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05
0.01	1.00	20.00	22.00	16.82	15.00	44.00	36.17	38.06

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d):The details of land acquisition (area in hectares) as on date are given as under: -

State	Type of Land	Total land to be acquired	Application filed by Railways	acquisition Land acquired so far
Madhya Pradesh	Private -	245.5	213.822	82.53
	Land Government Land	48	36.888	7.81
	Forest Land	66.5	22.344	Nil
	Private	7.72	7.72	7.72
Maharashtra	Land Government Land	0.90	0.90	0.33
	Forest Land	1	1	1
Total	All Lands	369.62	282.674	99.39

(e) & (f): Necessary action is being taken by State Government as per the provisions of Land Acquisition Act.